

It's time to pray for state missions



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& Week of Prayer*

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DAY 1: Reaching Neighbors

When **Brad Lovin** and his family relocated to central Illinois, they desired to meet their neighbors and share the gospel. They host frequent community dinners, encountering 11 people groups so far. As Missions Director, Brad encourages neighborhood outreach. He also facilitates Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief.

Pray for the salvation of our neighbors, including 3.2 million international people.

▶ **Watch** Disaster Relief's new food distribution ministry, "Vital Plan"

DAY 2 : Spirit-led evangelism

Scott Harris has one aim: "We are praying for a Holy Spirit-directed gospel movement to sweep across our state." Scott leads evangelism, including the new Ignite conference. With more than 8-million lost people in Illinois, the need is great.

Pray for new zeal and recovery of baptism rates in Illinois churches.

DAY 3: Statewide network

Bryan Price is one of IBSA's representatives in 10 zones across Illinois. In rural areas and urban centers, pastors need support and encouragement. The IBSA network of almost 1,000 churches is there with mission partnership and friendship.

Pray for pastors, zone consultants, and strengthening of the church network.

▶ **Watch** Pastors Belafae Johnson and Nick Volkening, "Vital Partners"

DAY 4: Rebuilding churches

When churches closed because of the pandemic, **Scott Foshie** found open doors. Pastors needed resources for serving during quarantine. Now the IBSA Church Health Team continues its work, focusing on revitalization for the 80% of churches that are plateaued or declining.

Pray for pastors leading through revitalization and for God to bring turnaround.

DAY 5: Effective women

Carmen Halsey wears two hats—developing leaders and guiding the mission and ministry of Illinois Baptist Women. Carmen is passionate about raising up the next generation of young women and mobilizing women in local churches and worldwide.

Pray for women leaders in all our churches, especially the next generation.

▶ **Watch** busy Lindsay Wineinger and her missions mix, "Vital Patchwork"

DAY 6: Young adults

Church Planting Director **Kevin Jones** leads IBSA's ministry to college campuses. He also helps nearby churches establish vision to reach their young neighbors during a critical time in their spiritual growth. Colleges are important locations for church planting today.

Pray that God will raise up planters from our IBSA churches to reach campuses.

DAY 7: People groups

In Illinois, 3 million people speak English as their second language. IBSA aids church starts among many people groups. That's the focus of **John Yi's** work. From his base in Chicago, John has helped start Korean, Chinese, Myanmar language churches, and second-gen congregations.

Pray that God will unite our churches to reach our vast and varied Illinois mission field.

▶ **Watch** Pastor Chris Kim reaches multiple people groups, "Vital Planting"

DAY 8: Strong leaders

Strong churches require strong leaders at every level. **Fran Trascritti** leads a large team that helps churches develop ministry processes and equip deacons, teachers, worship leaders, and, of course, host camp events at Lake Sal-lateeksa and Streator Baptist Camps for young people.

Pray for all IBSA teams who build up Baptist church leaders in Illinois.